Coin Board News

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It's been six months since the release of my book *Coin Collecting Boards of the 1930s & 1940s: A Complete History, Catalog and Value Guide.* Several hundred copies have been sold, so the word is definitely out about coin boards.

At recent coin shows I've been unable to pick up more than just a few duplicate boards to pass on to customers. I acquired a small hoard of exceptional Colonial brand boards at the Atlanta Whitman Expo in October, and some of these are featured in List No. 102. Also there I upgraded my Kent First Edition Lincoln Penny board K1¢B1a, but the old one has gone to another collector already. The FUN show had nothing to offer, and even Long Beach in February, a regular hunting ground for me, was rather barren of coin boards. I picked up a small number of vendor-stamped boards for my own collection, but nothing to add to my stock of items for sale. Several people rushed up to our table at Long Beach to tell me about an incredible pair of Whitman Second Edition Large Cent boards in a dealer's case. What they didn't know is that these came from me in a trade with another established collector. Both boards were VF-NM and more or less irreplaceable in that condition. They never made it to a price list, as the buyer had a want list for these titles.

Kent boards in general have become nearly unobtainable during the past year. I never see them for sale at shows or shops, though they occasionally turn up on ebay. A few weeks ago, I caught other buyers napping and snagged a very nice example of K10¢A2 with just minor flaws. This rare board is featured in List No. 102 and won't last long.

Also acquired as part of a four-piece lot were two boards that, upon examination at home, turned out to be newly-discovered varieties! These were recently featured up in *Numismatic News* and *Coin World*. The first of these was a First Edition Whitman Lincoln Penny board having matte black face paper and a green backing. This combination is not listed in my book, and I've labeled it W1¢C1e. The second is one that I had listed as likely to exist: W25¢B2b. A Second Edition Whitman board for Morgan Quarters, it bears the 1936 copyright date which was unconfirmed at the time my book was published. Finally, another collector showed me photos of his Whitman bound album of First Edition boards in which the Mercury Dime board had a plain title strip pasted over the original illustrated masthead of board W10¢D1b. This previously unknown variety may now be added to the book as W10¢D1c.

That's what's new in the world of coin board collecting. Here's hoping everyone finds something of interest in the new list,

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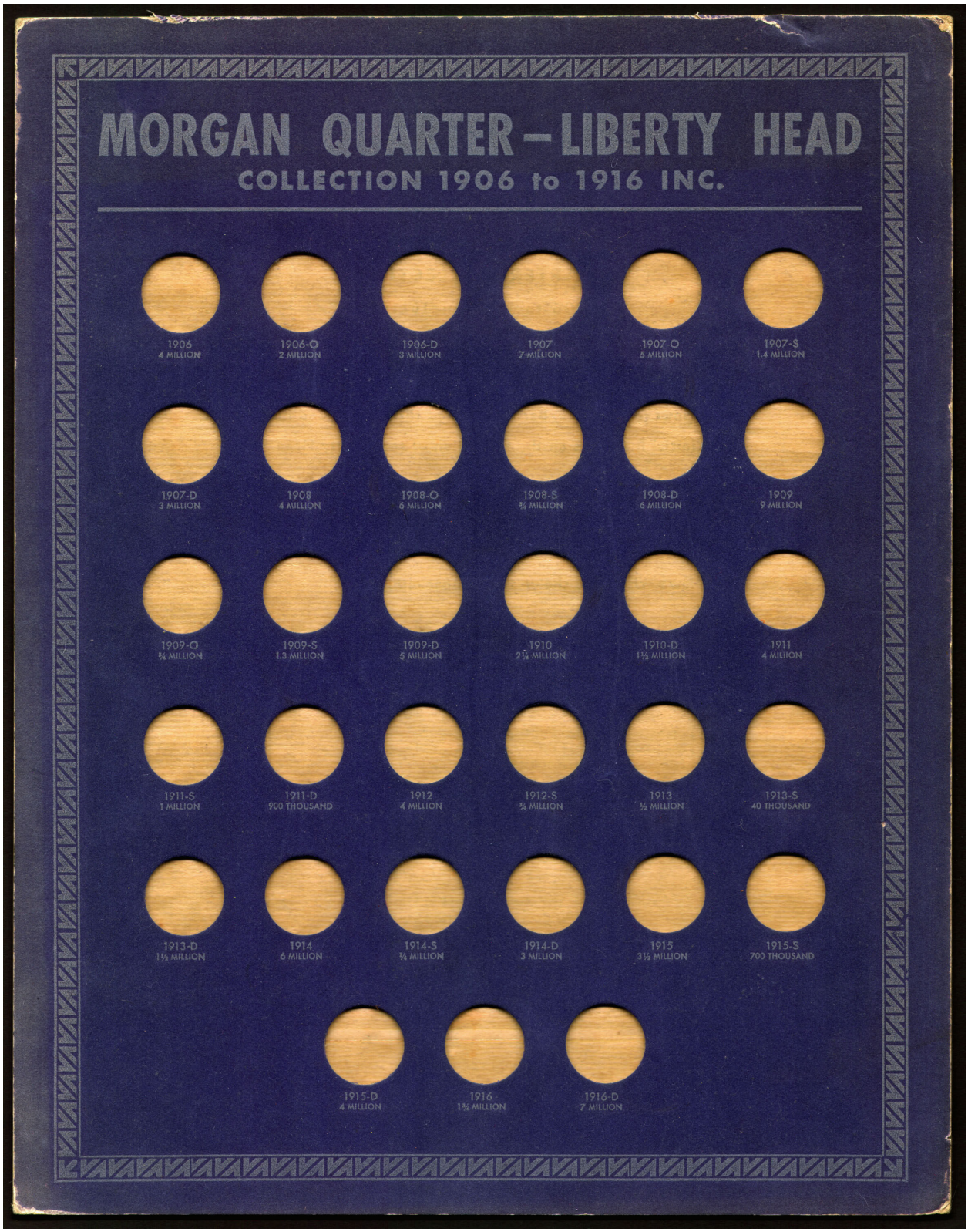
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